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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Rural Development has brought out a Directory of rural technologies;

(b) whether this directory has been made available throughout the country in rural areas;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) Yes, Sir. The National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) has brought out a Directory of Rural Technologies (DRT) in three volumes, each containing 100 rural technologies (RTs). Volume I was published in January 2001, Volume II was published in April 2001 and Volume III was published in January 2002.

(b) to (d) After the publication of the Directory, extensive efforts have been made by NIRD to give publicity to the Directory by writing to the DRDAs, State Secretaries of Rural Development, Heads of State Institutes of Rural Development, Deemed Universities of Rural Development, Directors of S&T Laboratories such as CSIR, ICAR, Agricultural Universities, Non-Governmental Organisations, etc highlighting the usefulness and importance of the Directory. The message has also been spread through the media by way of book reviews / announcements.

A large number of departments / institutions / individuals have shown keen interest in the Directory and many of them have placed orders for the DRT volumes.